Cases decided by the Central Administrative Tribunal

209. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 407 given in Rajya Sabha on the 15th November, 1988 and state the number of cases decided by the Central Administrative Tribunal, during later half of 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Principal Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal at Delhi have disposed of 599 cases (excluding miscellaneous petitions) during second half of 1988.

Location of propellant factory at warrangal in Andhra Pradesh

210. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the proposal for setting up of a propellant factory at Warrangal in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are being taken to expedite the setting up of the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) In connection with a proposal for the setting up of a propellant factory in the country, various sites, including Warrangal, have been evaluated by a Site Selection Committee. The entire issue of setting up a new propellant factory is under consideration of Government.

Testing of samples of foodgrains for pesticides contents

211. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of samples of foodgrains, fruits and vegetables, tested for pesticides contents in a survey recently have been found to be within tolerance limits; if so, what are the details of items and numbers of samples tested, the number of samples found to be within limits and those beyond permissible limits during the last one year;

(b) what action has been taken for samples found beyond permissible limits; and

(c) the names of pesticides of which these samples were tested and reasons for not testing them against the other duly registered pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) In the survey conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services, under this Ministry, during the year 1987, a total of 648 informal samples of various commodities of food collected from the farmers and market were analysed mainly for D.D.T. and B.H.C. The break up of number of each commodity and number of samples having pesticide residue beyond the prescribed limit are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) States|U.Ts. have been requested to analyse samples of food for presence of pesticide residues. As use of D.D.T. and B.H.C. is much more compared to other pesticides, the major thrust has been to estimate the residues of these two pesticides and their isomers and metabolites. The Survey is being continued comprising of larger area in order to relate the use of pesticides with the levels of residues detected in the samples before an action is contemplated.